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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 26, 2001

**1. Call to order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Michael Berger at 7:33 p.m. on November 26, 2001, at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Allgood, Ed Begley, Jr., Elizabeth Cheadle, Jerome Daniel, Russell Guiney, Hal Ross, Steven Treanor, Jonathan Zasloff, and Michael Berger, Chair. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, and Steve Horn. Quorum present.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Mary Sue Maurer, and Laura Plotkin. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Michael Müller. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Susan McEntire, Kevin Rudiger, and Scott Svonkin.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Ed Corridori, Lesley Devine, Richard Gould, Clare Marter Kenyon, Anthony Portantino, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Steele, Nancy Stephens, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, and Marc Stirdivant. The following members were absent: Bruce Crow, Joan House, Terre Hirsch, Linda Palmer, and Mark Johnson. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Education, Interpretation, and Operations, MRCA; Tim Miller, Deputy Chief Ranger, MRCA; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel, MRCA; Tracy Docker, Staff Services Manager II, and James Yeramian Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

#### **4. Reports**

Comments were made by Mr. Allgood and the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Lethbridge.

Questions were propounded by the Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei and the Executive Director.

#### **5. Special recognition of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority staff member Zenia Bray and volunteer Rae Mitchell for extraordinary accomplishments.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

#### **6. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Michael Tunick, representing Briar Summit Homeowners Association and Friends of Briar Summit, on items 8 and 11.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Gillian Nettman, member of the public, on items 8 and 11.

Ginny Krueger, representing S.D. #3, on item 11.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**7. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept offers to dedicate scenic and open space easements encumbering lots 86, 87, 88, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, and 113 of tract 9604, Latigo Canyon, County of Los Angeles.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing grant augmentation to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Rocky Point, (APN 637-070-034), Simi Valley.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Notice of Consultation for Conditional Use and Oak Tree Permit Nos. 01-094 in Dead Horse and Pico Canyon, Pico Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend the Cost Allocation Plan and Policy.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing an appeal to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the Spring Canyon project, Tentative Tract Map 48086, Zone Change, Sub-Plan Amendment and Conditional Use Permit No. 96-044, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Department of Landscape Architecture graduate program for development of a Tujunga Wash Watershed Study.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support for the City of Los Angeles' grant application for Hazard Park wetlands restoration, from the Proposition 12/ Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers, Museums and Facilities for Wildlife or Environmental Education (URCC) Grant Program.**

The Chair noted that item 7(f) had been removed from the agenda and that 7(d) would be removed from the consent calendar to be considered as regular items.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 01-190, 01-191, 01-192, 01-194, 01-196.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

**7(d). Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend the Cost Allocation Plan and Policy.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Allgood.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos..

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-193.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-193.

**8. Consideration of resolution approving amendment to joint powers agreement between the Conservancy and the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District further defining the purposes of the agreement relative to benefit assessments.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Messrs. Corridori, Lange, Brown and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-197.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-197.

**9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Mitigated Negative Declaration for Plot Plan Review No. 00-094 and Variance No. 99-036, proposed private access road located northeast of Sweetwater Mesa Road (APNs 4452-025-008, 011, 016), City of Malibu.**

Comments were made Messrs. Brown, Zasloff, Allgood.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Kishbaugh and Brown.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Mr. Zasloff suggested revision to the comment letter.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-198.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-198 as revised.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Coastal Commission on the Draft City of Malibu Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan.**

The Executive Director commented that this item was postponed.

Comments were made Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the Mountains Restoration Trust to partially fund the acquisition of the Laurel Canyon East Core Habitat-Briar Summit project (APNs 5570-020-006, 5570-021-010, 011) using funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996, City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-200.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Plotkin.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-200.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**13. Legislation: Discussion and possible action on legislation affecting Division 23 of the Public Resources Code.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-201(a).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-202.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire 1,025 acres adjoining Lange Ranch and Woodbridge open space, Simi Valley, from Long Canyon Ranch Company, LLC. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

**14. Minutes**

No minutes were discussed.

**15. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Los Angeles, a charter city and Department of Water and Power; Save Open Space v. County of Ventura (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Real Parties in Interest); Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa**

**Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mirharooni v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al. ; Malibu-Encinal Home Owners Association, Inc. v. Lechuza Villas West, LLP, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy et al.; Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Nervik v. State of California; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America; Sierra Club et al. v. County of Los Angeles; State of California, ex rel. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection v. Southern California Edison Company.**

The Chair called a closed session at 8:50 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) for item 12.

**16. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

No comments were made.

**17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

MICHAEL BERGER  
Chairperson